



Docket No.: 1293.1986

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yong-Chul YOO

Serial No. 10/693,945

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No. 4304

Filed: October 28, 2003

Examiner: Thomas R. Hannon

For: SPINDLE MOTOR FOR HARD DISC DRIVE

COMMENTS REGARDING EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner provided on page 2 attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 12, 2005 an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance that "it is agreed that Moritan does not teach nor suggest the claim provision of an oil outflow prevention unit installed at an inner side of an oil inlet."

Applicant submits that the Examiner's comment raises "possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects." (See MPEP §1302.14). For example, the phrase --oil outflow prevention unit installed at an inner side of an oil inlet-- is not recited in either independent claims 14 or 17.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's comment has at least the potential of creating confusion as to the meaning of independent claims 14 and 17 and thus should be disregarded because the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,
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